

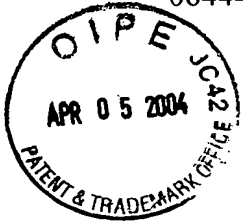
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In re Application of: Franklin Dean Kalk
Serial No.: 10/044,562
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Group Art Unit: 1756
Examiner: Stephen D. Rosasco
Title: **ALTERNATING APERTURE PHASE
SHIFTING PHOTOMASK WITH
IMPROVED TRANSMISSION
BALANCING**

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 4, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.